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SUBJECT: JAPAN-CAMBODIAN RELATIONS

REF: A) TOKYO 14361; B) TOKYO 15111

SUMMARY: BASED ON RECENT MEETING IN PEKING, JAPANESE
BELEIVE CAMBODIANS MAY BE WILLING TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS
WITH JAPAN AS SOON AS PHNOM PENH IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE
AN EXPANDED CIRCLE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS. JAPANESE ARE
ALSO TITILLATED BY SUSPICION THAT PEKING HAS URGED PHNOM
PENH TO CULTIVATE TIES WITH JAPAN AS PART OF CHINESE
DESIRE TOCUREB NORTH VIETNAMESE AND SOVIET INFLUENCE IN
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1. DURING LATE OCTOBER TALKS, CAMBODIAN DCM IN PEKING WAS CORDIAL WITH GOH OCTOBER BUT INDICATED THAT PHNOM PENH WAS STILL TO DISORGANIZED TO RECEIVE A JAPANESE EMBASSY. FOLLOWING TRIP TO HANOI TO OPEN EMBASSY (REF B), FONOFF FIRST SE ASIA DIVDIR ITO VISITED PEKING BRIEFLY WITG PRIME PURPOSE OFDISCUSSING JAPAN-CAMBODIAN RELATIONS WITH CAMBODIAN EMBASSY. ITO TOLD US HE FORMALLY PROPOSED RESTORATION OF RELATIONS AND ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF GOC ATTITUDE. WOULD NEGOTIATIONS BE NECESSARY? CAMBODIAN DCM AGAIN (REF A) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR JAPANESE RECOGNITIN AND PROMISED TO FORWARD GOJ PROPOSAL AND QUERY TO PHNOM PENH. HE COMMENTED THAT CAMBODIANS WANTED TO ENORMALIZE RELATIONS BUT PHNOM PENH WAS NOT YET PREPARED TO RECEIVE NUMEROUS FOREIGN MISSIONS. ITO DID NOT INFER THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WOULD BE CONTINGENT ON A "PREPARATIONS" PACKAGE FROM JAPAN AS DEMANDED BY HANOI AND SAIGON.

2. ITO SURMISED FROM CONVERSATION THAT CAMBODIANS MIGHT BE READY TO PERMIT OPENING OF APANESE EMBASSY FAIRLY EARLY NEXT YEAR. HE COMMENTED THAT PEKING SEEMED TO BE URGING PHNOM PENH TO NORMALIZERELATIONS WITH JAPAN, AS WITH THAILAND, TO LESSEN LIKLIHOOD OF INCREASE IN INFLUENCE BY EITHER HANOI OR MOSCOW IN CAMBODIA. THUS FAR AT LEAST, ITO ASSERTED, HANOI SEEMS TO RESPECT DESIRE ON PART OF CAMBODIA TO MAINTAIN SOME DISTANCE FROM THE DRV. IN PARTICULAR, UNLIKE LAOS, CAMBODIA SEEMS TO BE RESISTING EFFECTIVELY POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL ENTANGLEMENT WITH HANOI.

:9..3NT: FONOFF DELIGHTFUL TO CONCLUDE THAT CHINESE MAY HAVE URGED CAMBODIANS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH TOKYO, AND IS WILLING TO PLAY WHAT THEY SEE AS

CHINESE GAME. IN ADDITION, EARLY NORMALIZATION WITH PHNOM PENH WOULD BE A POLITICAL PLUM FOR GOJ, DISCREDITING OPPOSITION PARTIES' CHARGE THAT JAPANESE SUPPORT FOR US POLICIES DURING INDOCHINA WAR NOW PREVENTS CONFIDENTIAL

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REGULARIZED RELATIONS WITH INDOCHINESE GOVERNMENTS. SHOESMITH

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